Leicester Fields 30th July 1770

Dear Brother,

Since my last I have your favor of 13th July by Mr Jaucud. and am very glad to find that you and your family continued well, it would give me great satisfaction to hear you were removed to some other place where you could be more comfortable.

I have now the pleasure to inform you that in consequence of your Brother W.'s petition to L.d G. G. and his repeated applications to other persons of influence, the Lords of the treasury, have granted you £100; I presume the reason of the sum's being less than what was before granted to the other Gentlemen of the Council, was, because the sum allotted for that purpose had been nearly exhausted, before there was any encouragement, or opportunity to prefer the petition in your behalf; Mr Sympson who is on the spot, and applied at the same time, obtained no more; I would therefore flatter my self with the hope that you are considered as one of the Council, and that hereafter you will share equally with them in the favors of Government.

You are indebted for what has been obtained, to the friendship of your Brother W: whose knowledge of the Officers of Government has enabled him to serve you in this affair, I can claim no other merit, but my hearty wishes for your success, and my endeavors to assist Mr W. as far as it has been in my power, which

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has been
no but little — Gen[l] H: has no notice of our application to him
on your behalf, he gave as a reason for it to Mrs W: that they did not
not send for him but this to your self. Mrs Waldo has mentioned to me
that in his late letter to you he forgot to take notice, that a power
from you to him to receive this money, and what may hereafter
be obtained, might be necessary — perhaps what has been done
for you here may be of some further advantage to you, in familiarizing
you with a claim in those who have the power in America —
months of distinction —

I don't recollect whether I have wrote you that by a letter
from D: Brainfield of 29[th] May, I find that Mrs Lee had been in Boston
(but not in good health) and was gone back to the Southward to
fetch Mrs Lee — that they had heard lately from Son & Daughter
Martin who were well & designed for Boston soon — & for this
place when an opportunity should present, this is the last I
have had, if you should hear any thing further of my Children
& Mrs Lee or other friends, I beg you would write me —

We are now expecting something very important from G. Town
what it may be God only knows, may we be prepared for
his holy Will; the bad account from S. Carolina is a drawback
on our advices from Canada. Our family are all well and join
with me in our best regards — G. Dear

Your affectionately
Richard Clarke

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Aug. 2d Mr Wells went to Bristol a day or two since & left me the enclosed to forward you; he informs you in it of his having received what was provided you, & I suppose by the tenth of his letter he writes you fully. I am much gratified to find that his friendship for you is so warm and steady.

Nothing has occurred since the aforegoing.

Yrs &c

J. Lee

N. C.

Worcester Friday 26 July 1776

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